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Filed: March 6, 2002      ) Confirmation No. 1310  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR AUTOMATICALLY )  
PRODUCING TISSUE SLIDES )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
REGARDING ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action requesting an election of species ("Office Action") mailed on May 18, 2005, please consider the following responsive election. Applicants submit that this response is filed within the shortened statutory time period provided for reply without payment of extension of time fees. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' representatives, in person or over the telephone, we would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for the submission of this Response. However, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires a fee to enter this Response or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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